

## BRANDEGEE RACE CHIEF INTEREST OF CONNECTICUT

Suffrage and League Records  
of Senator Submerge Na-  
tional Campaign in Public's  
Minds, Says Lawrence.

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HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 12.—The issue in Connecticut is neither Cox nor Harding, but Brandegee, who is desperately struggling for re-election to the United States senate, where he has served for 15 years.

Woman suffrage, which Senator Brandegee consistently opposed, has made the race uncertain. It isn't that Brandegee fought woman suffrage, but the way he fought it.

His alleged contemptuous attitude toward the suffrage forces has stirred indignation even among Republican women.

Besides that, he has arrayed against him the people who want to see the league of nations established either with or without reservations. Senator Brandegee has been from the outset a member of the "irreconcilable" group which has opposed any league of nations.

Senators Borah and McCormick have made speeches here supporting his anti-league views, and Senator Johnson is coming to help later on.

Senator Lodge has appealed in person to the people of this state to vote for Brandegee. There is no doubt that the seat of Senator Brandegee has been and is in danger.

The outcome depends largely on the size of the Harding majority. If the state will go Republican by a decisive vote. If it should give a 50,000 majority to Harding, Brandegee will be swept into office with the tide. It seems to be conceded that he will run far behind Harding, and if it gets as far back as 30,000, then Congressman Augustine Lonergan, the Democratic nominee, may squeeze in.

**Voting Machine Problem.**  
Many of the friends of Lonergan fear that the women of the state will not make use of their opportunity to defeat Brandegee as the voting machines are employed here, and there seems to be an impression that feminine voters will become confused when they enter the polling booths, and do what so many male voters have done in other states—namely, vote a straight ticket because they cannot figure out how to cut or scratch a candidate.

On the other hand, the indignation of many women against Brandegee's record is such that they would rather vote a straight Democratic ticket and be sure they have punished Brandegee than to take a chance otherwise—their feeling about the presidential contest itself is secondary to the senatorial race.

The amusing thing about the fight being made to save Brandegee is the fact that he is receiving support from the Borah-Johnson or Progressive wing as well as the Lodge or conservative branch of the Republican party. The former supports the Connecticut senator on his anti-league views and says nothing about his record on domestic questions, while the other element in the Republican party really wants Brandegee's vote to help the conservative Republicans from the East, lest the radical Republicans from the West that they can not control the policies of the party on such matters as taxation, the tariff and kindred subjects.

**Paper Fighting Brandegee.**

The Hartford Times, which is fighting Brandegee, puts the case against him in a nutshell, when it says the Republicans want to commit the state "to six years more of service by the man who not only voted against having any investigation of Lorimer, and who voted against direct election of senators, against the income tax, against the Adamson eight-hour law, failed to vote on the child labor law, voted to retain the 16-hour day for railroad men, voted against prohibition, voted against woman suffrage, helped senator Lodge pack the foreign relations committee of the United States senate, voted against the peace treaty at every opportunity, insulted President Wilson and ex-President Taft by his comments, made insulting al-

lusions to women in his comments on suffrage—though they appear to have been edited out of his speech as it appears in the Congressional Record."

Now the Hartford Courant, the Republican organ here, is making a hard fight for Brandegee and though the Courant has lots of fun the year round finding inconsistencies in the sayings of public men, the tables are turned, for the Democrats are making excellent use of this quotation from the Courant itself in January, 1909, during a contest for the senatorial nomination:

**Quotation Boomerang.**

"The reason for electing Frank B. Brandegee to the senate is that he wants to sit there and the reason for electing Ebenezer J. Hill is that the people of the state want him to sit there."

In another issue of that month the Courant said:  
"We find Mr. Brandegee with a record of seven years at Washington, three years in the house and four in the senate, and practically nothing at all to show for all this except an alliance with the reactionary element with which the people of Connecticut can have no sympathies at all."

"Still, newspapers, like newspaper men, are often forgiven their inconsistencies and the fight in this state turns more upon what the women voters really think of Brandegee on his legislative record than what his newspaper supporters are saying about the necessity of letting bygones be bygones in order to give Senator Harding, if he is elected, a substantial majority in the senate. (Copyright, 1920 by David Lawrence.)

**MRS. DANIELS TO SPEAK.**

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Joseph Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy, will take the stump for the Democratic party in North Carolina. A number of appointments in the western part of the state have been announced for her by Thomas D. Warren, state chairman.

**CURATE ARRESTED.**

BELFAST, Oct. 12.—Rev. O. W. McEahan, senior Catholic curate of Castlebar parish, County Mayo, was arrested yesterday in the presbytery of his church for alleged connection with extensive raids in that district.

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## DEMURRAGE ATTACKED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Railroad proposals to increase demurrage charges on freight cars detained by shippers were attacked by the Institute of American Meat Packers in a brief filed with the interstate commerce commission, where the question is pending. The packers asserted that much of the delay in moving freight equipment was due to the railroads themselves, that

increase in demurrage charges would not necessarily increase the efficiency

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